Uttar Pradesh:	32
Madhya Pradesh:	10
Rajasthan:	2
Chhattisgarh:	3
Orissa:	6

(b) and (c) Law and Order is a State subject. The NHRC, however, makes recommendations to the State Governments concerned to take disciplinary action which include prosecution as well as compensation, against the police personnel involved in custodial deaths, wherever their guilt has been established after inquiry by NHRC.

The NHRC has issued guidelines to all State Governments/Union Territories to inform the Commission about incidents of custodial deaths within 24 hours of its occurrence. The Commission recommends disciplinary/departmental action as well as initiation of prosecution against the delinquent police officials in cases where *prima-facie* case of custodial violence is established. The Chairperson and Members of the NHRC during their visits to the States/ Union Territories, always emphasize upon State functionaries the need to curb the occurrence of custodial deaths. Besides, the Commission from time to time, while disposing of cases of custodial deaths, makes appropriate observations to the State authorities to prevent recurrence of such custodial deaths in future.

Criminals and terrorists using internet for carrying out their plans

2577. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the criminals and terrorists are using internet for carrying out their plans of terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether majority of the police forces across the country are not equipped with sophisticated computer network resulting in difficulties in chasing the criminals and terrorists; and

(d) if so, the details of the plans formulated by the Government to face such challenges of the criminals and terrorists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) There are reports of criminals committing economic frauds through phishing, e-mail scams, piracy, data theft and launching of denial of service attacks on to targeted organizations, network infrastructures and countries, using internet services.

(c) and (d) 'Police' being a State subject, it is primarily the concern of the State Governments to modernize their forces and to establish cyber police stations for cyber crime investigation. As the same time, the Ministry of Home Affairs is implementing a project called Common Integrated Police Application (CIPA) in all the States in a phased manner, under the Modernisation of State Police Forces (MPF) Scheme. It is envisaged to widen the scope of CIPA project in terms of the applications and by extending it from the police stations to the other higher level formations in the police hierarchy, and provide network connectivity. The

Government has set up Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) to provide reactive and proactive support to the cyber incidents in India, besides, introducing a Bill to amend the Information Technology Act, 2000, in the Lok Sabha on 15.12.2006 to provide for insertion of legal provisions to address various computer crimes.

Chinese workers in restricted area

2578. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allowed the Chinese engineers to work in a restricted area in Rajasthan, close to India's border with Pakistan in violation of national immigration laws;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the action on the part of Government to allow Chinese engineers to work in a restricted area is going to leak several important and confidential points; and

(d) if so, the further reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Government of India had ratified the decision of the Government of Rajasthan in granting permission to seven Chinese nationals to visit and work at the work site of a thermal power plant being set up in a Protected Area in Rajasthan. This ratification was done on the recommendation of the State Government of Rajasthan, after obtaining the requisite clearances from the concerned security agency.

(c) and (d) No Sir. The permit granted to visit restricted/protected areas is limited to the particular work site at a specific location in the protected area and that a close watch is kept by the State Government on the movement of the foreigners in that area.

Recruiting women constables in BSF

2579. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to recruit women constables in the BSF;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the purpose behind recruiting women constables in the BSF;

(d) whether the areas/borders have been identified where such women guards are to deployed; and

(e) if so, to what extent it will help in checking smuggling activities across the border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) 745 women constables are to be recruited in BSF during 2008 primarily for search frisking of women on Indo-Pakistan and Indo-Bangladesh borders. It is expected to check smuggling activities where women are suspected to be involved.